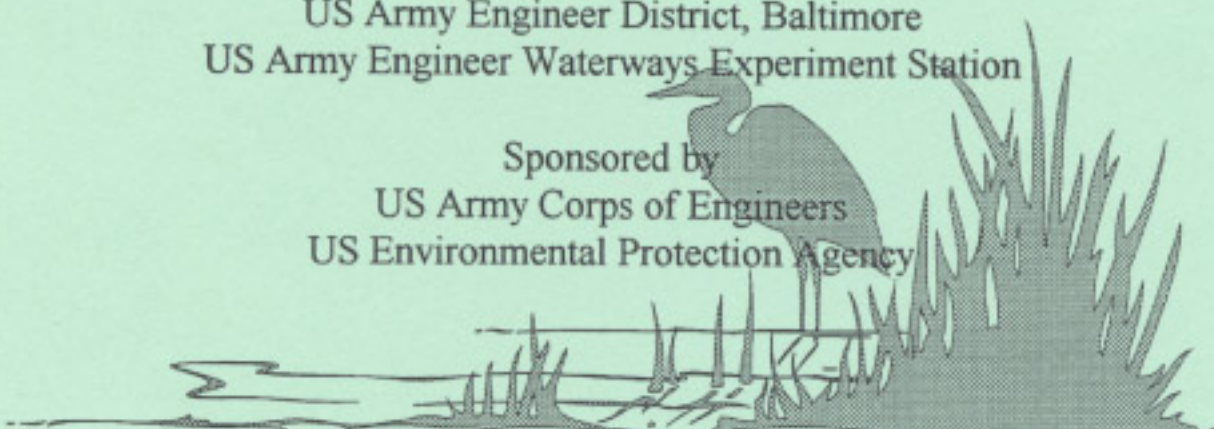


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## IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM R. MURDEN 1922-1997

This workshop and proceedings is dedicated to the memory of William R. Murden, who for many years was the undisputed mentor and leader of the US Army Corps of Engineers' dredging program. Bill passed away on March 15, 1997. He is survived by his beloved wife Dorothy (Dottie) Gibson Murden, his friend and partner for nearly 50 years.

Bill Murden was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1979, elected a Fellow of the Society of American Military Engineers, and at his retirement from 44 years' service in the US Army Corps of Engineers, was awarded the Presidential Award for Meritorious Service. Bill served as a bomber command pilot in World War II, then joined the Norfolk Corps District where he worked for 14 years. He joined Corps Headquarters staff in 1956, where he spent the last 30 years of his career. In the 1960s, Bill was heavily involved in dredging and emergency work in the Panama Canal, and was in charge of US dredging operations in Vietnam during the conflict. In 1979, Bill was promoted to Chief of Dredging Division, and was responsible for the Corps' entire dredging program until his retirement. He strongly encouraged beneficial uses of dredged material and lived to see such uses as wildlife nesting islands, beach nourishment, wetlands restoration and creation, and shoreline protection become routine practices in the Corps.

Bill was very active in PIANC, the



National Research Council, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the National Waterways Association, and the Western and Eastern Dredging Associations. He remained active in these organizations after his retirement, and he and Dottie formed Murden Marine, Limited, a successful marine engineering consulting firm.

Bill Murden was a friend to all who knew him, and at his funeral was mourned by many colleagues, some of whom came from The Netherlands and other nations to say goodbye. Three retired US generals, and former heads and staff of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, paid their last respects. Bill's funeral service was conducted by his friend LTG John Wall, retired Director of Civil Works and Episcopal priest.